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1. The following troop trains
[REDACTED] between 30 September and 8 October 1952:

Date	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To	
30 September	6 converted boxcars, 12 boxcars and 39 flatcars with 5 tanks and some with artillery pieces	Ohdruf	Rudolstadt	
	12 converted boxcars, 8 boxcars and 26 flatcars with vehicles	"	"	
	10 converted boxcars 12 boxcars with vehicles	"	"	
	5 converted boxcars 10 boxcars and 15 flatcars with vehicles and 5 tanks	Crawinkel	Zeitz	
	3 converted boxcars 15 boxcars and 11 flatcars with vehicles and 5 tanks	"	"	
	2 converted boxcars, 20 boxcars and 20 flatcars with vehicles	Georgenthal	Gera	

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1 October	4 converted boxcars, 12 boxcars and 19 flatcars with vehicles and 10 tanks	Crawinkel	Jena	
	4 converted boxcars, 19 boxcars and 17 flatcars with vehicles and 3 tanks	"	"	
	3 converted boxcars, 11 boxcars and 20 flatcars with 10 tanks	Crawinkel	"	50X1-HUM
	2 converted boxcars 38 boxcars and 4 flatcars with vehicles	"	"	
	6 converted boxcars 14 boxcars and 34 flatcars with 6 tanks and vehicles	Eisenach;	Naumburg	50X1-HUM
	5 converted boxcars, 5 boxcars and 40 flatcars with vehicles and 4 tanks	Eisenach;	"	50X1-HUM
	5 converted boxcars 19 boxcars and 20 flatcars with vehicles	Emleben	Saalfeld	
2 October	5 converted boxcars, 10 boxcars and 29 flatcars with vehicles and 5 tanks	Mechterstaedt;	Merseburg	50X1-HUM
	7 converted boxcars, 8 boxcars and 5 flatcars with vehicles and 2 tanks	Ohrdruf;	Jena	50X1-HUM
	5 converted boxcars, 6 boxcars and 39 flatcars with vehicles	Ohrdruf	Gera	
	1 converted boxcars 12 boxcars and 6 flatcars with vehicles	"	Plauen	
	7 converted boxcars, 24 boxcars and 26 flatcars with vehicles and 4 tanks	Georgenthal	Gera	
	3 converted boxcars 7 boxcars and 13 flatcars with 10 tanks	Crawinkel;	Weimar	50X1-HUM
	4 converted boxcars 8 boxcars and 24 flatcars with vehicles and 8 tanks	Crawinkel;	Zeitz	50X1-HUM
	2 converted boxcars, 44 boxcars and 12 flatcars	Crawinkel;	"	50X1-HUM

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2 October 1952	4 converted boxcars, 9 boxcars and 25 flatcars with artillery pieces	Emleben	Saalfeld
	7 converted boxcars, 39 boxcars and 4 flatcars with vehicles	Eisenach	Weissenfels
	5 converted boxcars, 31 boxcars and 24 flatcars with vehicles	"	Rueckmannsdor
	11 converted boxcars, 3 boxcars and 14 flatcars with vehicles and 5 tanks	Wolmirstedt	Eisenach
3 October	5 converted boxcars, 10 boxcars and 10 flatcars with vehicles	Donndorf	Ammendorf
	2 converted boxcars, 16 boxcars and 19 flatcars with vehicles and 8 tanks	"	"
	3 converted boxcars, 41 boxcars and 8 flatcars with vehicles and 2 tanks	Crawinkel	Weimar
	6 converted boxcars, 18 boxcars and 21 flatcars with vehicles and 3 tanks	Ohrdruf	Jena
	4 converted boxcars, 40 boxcars and 15 flatcars	Crawinkel	"
	5 converted boxcars, 8 boxcars and 20 flatcars	Mechterstaedt	Merseburg
	5 converted boxcars, 22 boxcars and 23 flatcars with vehicles and 4 tanks	Mechterstaedt	Naumburg
	6 converted boxcars, 37 boxcars and 10 flatcars	Eisenach	Naumburg
	5 converted boxcars, 20 boxcars and 21 flatcars	"	"
	4 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 24 flatcars	Rossleben	Ohrdruf
	4 converted boxcars, 20 boxcars and 8 flatcars	Ohrdruf	Weimar

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3 October	7 converted boxcars, 35 boxcars and 12 flatcars	Crawinkel	Jena	
4 October	4 converted boxcars, 16 boxcars with 16 flatcars with vehicles and 9 tanks	Eisenach; [redacted]	Weissenfels	50X1-HUM
	2 converted boxcars, 10 boxcars and 10 flatcars with vehicles and 9 tanks	"	"	
	2 converted boxcars, 10 boxcars and 10 flatcars with vehicles and 6 tanks	"	"	
	1 converted boxcar, 39 boxcars and 10 flatcars with artillery pieces	Eisenach; [redacted]	Naumburg	50X1-HUM
	5 converted boxcars, 13 boxcars and 42 flatcars with vehicles	Rechterstaedt; [redacted]	Weissenfels	50X1-HUM
	9 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 21 flatcars with vehicles	Rosslieben; [redacted]	Ohrdruf	50X1-HUM
	13 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 28 flatcars with vehicles and 2 tanks	Ohrdruf; [redacted]	Wiesenburg	50X1-HUM
5 October	7 converted boxcars, 3 boxcars and 35 flatcars with vehicles and 7 tanks	Crawinkel; [redacted]	Halle railroad district	50X1-HUM
	9 converted boxcars, 4 boxcars and 45 flatcars with vehicles	"	Halle railroad district	
	10 converted boxcars, 4 boxcars and 33 flatcars with vehicles	"	"	
	3 converted boxcars, 4 boxcars and 27 flatcars with vehicles and 7 tanks	Ohrdruf; [redacted]	"	50X1-HUM
	13 converted boxcars, 1 boxcars and 39 flatcars with vehicles	"	"	
	13 converted boxcars 2 boxcars and 45 flatcars with vehicles	"	"	

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5 October	3 converted boxcars, 3 boxcars and 39 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Jena;	
	6 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 32 flatcars with vehicles	Emleben;	
	9 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 48 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Weimar;	Nedlitz
6 October	1 converted boxcar 1 boxcar and 26 flatcars with vehicles	Crawinkel	Wiesenburg
	4 converted boxcars, 3 boxcars and 21 flatcars with tanks and vehicles	Crawinkel	Halle railroad district
	5 converted boxcars, 3 boxcars and 27 flatcars with tanks and vehicles	Crawinkel	Halle railroad district
	10 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 32 flatcars with tanks and vehicles	"	"
	7 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 20 flatcars with tanks and vehicles	Ohrdruf	"
	7 converted boxcars 1 boxcar and 23 flatcars with tanks and vehicles	"	Wiesenburg
	10 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 24 flatcars with tanks and vehicles	"	"
	10 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 24 flatcars with tanks and vehicles	"	"
	10 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 36 flatcars with vehicles	Georgenthal	Nedlitz
	7 converted boxcars, 3 boxcars and 36 flatcars with vehicles	"	"
	13 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 40 flatcars with tanks and vehicles	"	"

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6 October	11 converted boxcars 3 boxcars 44 flatcars with vehicles	Emleben	Nedlitz	
	12 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 22 flatcars with artillery pieces	"	Rossleben	
7 October	5 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 28 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Crawinkel	Wiesenburg	50X1-HUM
	10 converted boxcars, 3 boxcars and 41 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Crawinkel	"	50X1-HUM
	10 converted boxcars and 25 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Crawinkel	"	
	4 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 21 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Crawinkel	"	50X1-HUM
	18 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 30 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Ohrdruf	"	50X1-HUM
	5 converted boxcars 1 boxcar and 17 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Ohrdruf	"	50X1-HUM
	7 converted boxcars 2 boxcars and 25 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Ohrdruf	"	50X1-HUM
	12 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 37 flatcars	Ohrdruf	"	
	13 converted boxcars and 46 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Georgenthal	Nedlitz	50X1-HUM
	7 converted boxcars 2 boxcars and 33 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Georgenthal	"	50X1-HUM
	14 converted boxcars, 5 boxcars and 41 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Emleben	"	50X1-HUM
	3 converted boxcars and 44 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Emleben	"	50X1-HUM

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7 October	3 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 14 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Donndorf; [redacted]	Raguhn	50X1-HUM
	10 converted boxcars, 3 boxcars and 39 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Weimar; [redacted]	Elsnigk	50X1-HUM
	10 converted boxcars 1 boxcar and 37 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	"	"	
	10 converted boxcars, 4 boxcars and 34 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	"	"	
	10 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 33 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	"	"	
8 October	4 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 21 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Crawinkel; [redacted]	Wiesenburg	50X1-HUM
	7 converted boxcars, 5 boxcars and 37 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Ohrdruf [redacted]	Nedlitz	50X1-HUM
	3 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 16 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Donndorf; [redacted]	Raguhn	50X1-HUM
	3 converted boxcars, 4 boxcars and 15 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	"	"	
	2 converted boxcars, 3 boxcars and 18 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Donndorf; [redacted]	"	50X1-HUM
	6 converted boxcars, 4 boxcars and 50 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Bad Koesen; [redacted]	Dessau	50X1-HUM
	3 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 17 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Donndorf [redacted]	Raguhn	50X1-HUM
	10 converted boxcars, 5 boxcars and 45 flatcars with vehicles	Mechterstaedt; [redacted]	Koethen	50X1-HUM
	13 converted boxcars, 6 boxcars and 41 flatcars with vehicles	"	"	

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8 October	6 converted boxcars 3 boxcars and 20 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Eisenach [redacted]	Dessau [redacted]	50X1-HUM
	6 converted boxcars, 3 boxcars and 25 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Eisenach [redacted]	Dessau	50X1-HUM (3)

2. On 9 October, the following troop trains were dispatched to an undetermined destination:

<u>Combination of Troop Trains</u>	<u>Dispatching Station</u>	[redacted]	50X1-HUM
8 converted boxcars, 23 boxcars and 29 flatcars with vehicles	Mechterstaedt	[redacted]	
10 converted boxcars, 27 boxcars and 23 flatcars	Eisenach	[redacted]	
8 converted boxcars, 25 boxcars and 23 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Ohrdruf	[redacted]	
7 converted boxcars, 7 boxcars and 46 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	"	[redacted]	
2 converted boxcars, 10 boxcars and 15 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Dorndorf	[redacted]	
3 converted boxcars, 10 boxcars and 9 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	"	[redacted]	
3 converted boxcars, 5 boxcars and 21 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	"	[redacted]	
8 converted boxcars, 15 boxcars and 17 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	"	[redacted]	
5 converted boxcars, 12 boxcars and 43 flatcars with vehicles	Rossleben	[redacted]	
2 converted boxcars, 12 boxcars and 46 flatcars	Rossleben	[redacted]	
4 converted boxcars, 10 boxcars and 26 flatcars with vehicles	"	[redacted]	

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8 converted boxcars, 5 boxcars and 37 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Ohdruf
2 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 23 flatcars with vehicles and tanks	Donndorf
7 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 37 flatcars with vehicles	Eisenach

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Comments.

- (1) The troop train from Wolmirstedt to Eisenach probably carried elements of the 17th Gds Tank SP Regt of the 57th Gds MTZ Rifle Div which returned from Letzlin Heath to their unit. On 27 September 1952, they had moved from Kindel to Wolmirstedt on the troop train [redacted]

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- (2) The troop trains from Rossleben to Ohdruf and from Emleben to Rossleben probably hauled small troop contingents to join their units before the latter returned from the troop training grounds to their home station. [redacted] belongs to the 581st Mort Regt [redacted] of the 20th Gds Mecz Div from Weimar.
- (3) This report, which is believed to be complete, clearly indicates that the units of the Eight Gds Army, as had been expected, partially returned from the troop training grounds to their home stations between 30 September and 4 October 1952, and were transported to field exercise of this army in the Dessau area on either side of the Elbe River between 5 and 8 October 1952. The return movement to the home stations not only included billeting equipment and train elements, but, [redacted] also troop

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units. In detail, the following may be said:

Ohdruf troop training grounds. Between 30 September and 3 October 1952, the following troop trains were dispatched from the Crawinkel, Ohdruf, Georgenthal and Emleben railroad stations to their home stations: 3 troop trains to Rudolstadt, 2 troop trains to Saalfeld; and 3 troop trains to Gera, all trains probably carrying headquarters units of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps; 1 troop train to Plauen, probably with components of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div; 8 troop trains to Jena, including 1 train of the 66th Gds Mecz Regt and 1 train of the 2504th AAA Regt [redacted]; 4 troop trains to Zeitz, including 2 trains with elements of the 67th Gds Mecz Regt; and 3 troop trains to Weimar. All unidentified troop trains to Jena, Zeitz and Weimar probably also transported components of the 20th Gds Mecz Div.

Kindel troop training grounds. Between 1 and 4 October 1952, the following troop trains were dispatched from the Eisenach and Mechterstaedt railroad stations to their home station: 6 troop trains to Naumburg, including 2 trains with elements of the 498th AAA Regt [redacted]; 5 troop trains to Weissenfels, including 3 trains with elements of the 17th Gds Tank SP Regt, and 1 train of the 932nd AAA Bn [redacted]; 2 troop trains to Merseburg, probably carrying elements of the unidentified artillery brigade of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps; and 1 troop train to Rueckmarsdorf, probably with elements of the 94th RL Regt [redacted].

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Lossa troop training grounds. On 3 October 1952, 2 troop trains were dispatched from the Donndorf railroad station to Ammendorf. They probably transported components of the 21st Gds Mecz Div from Halle. Between 5 and 8 October 1952, the following units moved to field exercises in the Dessau area:

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From the Ohrdruf troop training grounds and from Jena and Weimar between 5 and 8 October 1952: 12 troop trains to the Halle railroad district, including trains with elements of the 65th and 66th Gds Mecz Regt, and of the 87th Gds Engr Bn of the 20th Gds Mecz Div; 9 troop trains to Nedlitz, including trains with elements of the 15th Gds Tank SP Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div; 1 troop train to Nedlitz with elements of the 91st Sig Regt [] of the Eighth Gds Army; and 14 troop trains to Wiesenburg, including trains with elements of the 67th Gds Mecz Regt, the 36th (?) Tank Regt, the 68th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt [], the 172nd Gds How Arty Regt, the 581st Mort Regt [], and the 24th Gds RL Bn [], all belonging to the 20th Gds Mecz Div; and elements of the unidentified artillery brigade of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, and the 45th Gds Engr Bn of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.

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From the Lossa troop training grounds via the Donndorf railroad station on 7 and 8 October 1952: 5 troop trains to Raguhn, including trains with elements of the 68th and 70th Gds Mecz Regt and the 28th Gds Tank Regt of the 21st Gds Mecz Div.

From the Kindel troop training grounds via the Mechterstaedt and Eissenach railroad stations on 8 October 1952: 2 troop trains to Dessau, carrying elements of the 17th Gds Tank SP Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div; and 2 troop trains to Koethen with elements of the unidentified artillery brigade of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps.

From the Bad Koesen troop training grounds on 8 October 1952: 1 troop train to Dessau carrying elements of the 19th Gds Engr Bn of the Eighth Gds Army.

From Weimar on 7 October 1952: 4 troop trains to Elsnick carrying components of the 13th AAA Div.

The receiving stations clearly indicate that components of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps were concentrating in the Wiesenburg area north of the Elbe River, and the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, reinforced by components of the 13th AAA Div, in the area south of Dessau south of the Elbe River.

The following units are confirmed []

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unidentified tank unit of the 20th Gds Mecz Div from Jena until 7 October 1952

36th (?) Tank Regt [] of the 20th Gds Mecz Div from Zeitz until 8 October 1952

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53d Sig Bn [] of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Rudolstadt until 4 October 1952

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24th Gds RL Bn [] of the 20th Gds Mecz Div from Jena until 7 October 1952

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88th Gds Engr Bn of the 20th Gds Mecz Div from Jena until 5 October 1952

Hq 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from Naumburg until 4 October 1952

91st Sig Regt [] of the Eighth Gds Army in Weimar until 5 October 1952

68th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt [] of the 20th Gds Mecz Div from Jena until 7 October 1952

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15th Gds Tank BP Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in Ohrdruf until 8 October 1952

19th Gds Engr Bn of the Eighth Gds Army from Weimar-Buchenwald until 8 October 1952

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17th Gds Tank SP Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from Weissenfels until 8 October 1952

Hq 20th Gds Mecz Div in Jena until 5 October 1952

65th Gds Mecz Regt of the 20th Gds Mecz Div from Weimar until 5 October 1952

66th Gds Mecz Regt of the 20th Gds Mecz Div from Jena until 5 October 1952

70th Gds Mecz Regt of the 21st Gds Mecz Div from Halle until 8 October 1952

67th Gds Mecz Regt of the 20th Gds Mecz Div from Zeitz until 7 October 1952

172nd Gds How Arty Regt of the 20th Gds Mecz Div from Jena until 7 October 1952

28th Gds Tank Regt of the 21st Gds Mecz Div from Halle until 8 October 1952

45th Gds Engr Bn of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from Ohrdruf or Saalfeld until 7 October 1952

unidentified artillery brigade of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Gera until 7 October 1952

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[redacted] unidentified artillery brigade of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps
from Merseburg until 8 October 1952

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Hq 13th AAA Div in Weimar until 8 October 1952

unidentified tank unit of the 21st Gds Mecz Div from Halle until
8 October 1952

68th Gds Mecz Regt of the 21st Gds Mecz Div from Halle until 7
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932nd AAA Bn [redacted] of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div until 4 October 1952,
the battalion was previously stationed at Naumburg

2504th AAA Regt [redacted] of the 20th Gds Mecz Div in Jena until 2 October 1952

498th AAA Regt [redacted] of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps in Naumburg until
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unidentified artillery unit of the 2st Gds Mecz Div from Halle until
7 October 1952

- (4) The troop trains from Wechterstaedt, Eisenach, Donndorf and Rossleben probably transported components of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, and the two troop trains from Ohrdruf components of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps. These trains went either to the training area of the Eighth Gds Army on either side of Dessau or to the home stations of the above components.

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